

### **AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT**

CO<sub>2</sub> slab laser having a gas-filled tubular housing, sealed off at both ends by end pieces, which accommodates two overlapping electrodes extending into the tubular housing and mirrors arranged in the region of the electrodes, where each of the two end pieces holds an electrode ~~(34, 36)~~, the mirrors are arranged stationary relative to the electrodes and the electrodes, jointly with the mirrors, are adjustable relative to one another.